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SUBJECT: MRS. GANDHI ON FOREIGN PRESSURES

1. SPEAKING AT A JANUARY 23 BANQUET GIVEN IN HONOR OF VISIT-
ING FRENCH PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC, MRS. GANDHI AGAIN ALLUDED
TO FOREIGN PRESSURES ON INDIA. PRESS REPORTS QUOTE HER AS
REFERRING TO THE QUOTE STRANGE SPECTACLE OF INDEPENDENCE
BEING SUBVERTED IN THE NAME OF FREEDOM AND MEANS OF
COMMUNICATION EMPLOYED NOT TO INFORM BUT TO OBSCURE. WE IN
INDIA ARE SPECIALLY CONSCIOUS OF THE CONSTANT NEED TO RESIST
PRESSURES AND TO USE POWER FOR THE LONG TERM GOOD OF OUR
PEOPLE, EVEN IF OUR ACTIONS ARE MISREPRESENTED UNQUOTE.
ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE PRIME MINISTER PRAISED
FRANCE'S INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY AND OBSERVED THAT "GLOBAL
PEACE AND SECURITY CAN BE MAINTAINED ONLY ON THE BASIS OF
EQUALITY AMONG NATIONS, REJECTING OLD ATTITUDES OF EXPLOITATION
AND DOMINATION."

2. ON ECONOMIC MATTERS, THE PRIME MINISTER POINTED OUT
THAT INDIA WAS AMONG THE COUNTRIES HIT HARDEST BY THE
RECENT CHAIN OF ECONOMIC CRISES, STATING: "WE ARE
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DEVELOPED ENOUGH TO NEED OIL, BUT NOT RICH ENOUGH TO AFFORD

ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF ENERGY."

3. IN HIS REMARKS DURING THE FIRST DAY OF HIS VISIT TO INDIA, CHIRAC IS REPORTED IN THE PRESS TO HAVE WELCOMED THE COMMON DESIRE OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE SUB-CONTINENT TO REJECT TEMPTATIONS OF CONFRONTATION AND EGOISM AND TO IMPART TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION, RESPECT TO THE INDEPENDENCE AND IDENTITY OF NATIONS AND THE NEED FOR SOLIDARITY.

4. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS EARLIER IN THE DAY WITH MRS. GANDHI, CHIRAC TOLD THE PRESS THAT "WE FOUND THAT ON MATTERS DISCUSSED CONCERNING WEST ASIA, AFRICA, ASIA, AND EUROPE WE HAD ABOUT THE SAME POINTS OF VIEW AND AIMS." HE REFERRED TO A CONVERGENCE OF INDIAN AND FRENCH VIEWS ON SOUTHEAST AND WEST ASIA AND THE EFFORTS OF BOTH NATIONS TO BRING ABOUT AN "EQUILIBRIUM BETWEEN GREAT POWERS." HE SAID THAT FRANCE HOPES "TO HAVE BETTER LINKS BETWEEN INDIA AND THE EEC IN THE FUTURE."
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